

Bike Colorado Springs Candidate Survey

Your Name *

Dave Donelson

What Office are you running for *

City Council District 1

On average, how often do you ride a bike? *

Currently only once or twice a month. However I have been a bike commuter for many years of my life. In those times I would ride 4 or 5 days a week. I was commuting 30 miles roundtrip for many years.

On average, how often do you walk for recreation or transportation? *

I am currently doing a lot of running and just resumed training for the Pikes Peak Ascent. I'll be running six days a week.

On average, how often do you take public transportation? *

Rarely.

How is bicycling, walking, or public transportation important to you? *

As I wrote about already, I was a serious bike commuter - pretty much year round for several decades. Now I am retired so not cycling to work. I've run the Pikes Peak Ascent four times, Colorado Marathon, Denver Marathon, Garden of the Gods 10 miler etc. Training for those.

Roadway Safety

What actions would you take to support improving infrastructure designed to protect or otherwise make vulnerable road users (bike riders & pedestrians) safer? *

I would have to hear the details - the devil is always in the details - but as you know by now I'm a former bike commuter and serious runner.

How would you support a citywide program or strategy (such as Vision Zero) to

improve roadway safety with the goal of eliminating traffic fatalities and severe injuries? *

We need to look at where our bike routes are and make sure we are putting them in the safest roads/areas we can. I always planned my routes with safety at the top of the list of importance.

Transportation

Will you support increased funding for infrastructure for walking, biking, and transit? *

Again - depends on the details.

How will you support policies that increase opportunities for Colorado Springs residents to bike, walk, take transit? *

If it makes sense I will vote for it.

City Plans

What are your highest priorities related to the BikeCOS! master plan? *

I'm not too familiar with this master plan - I didn't wait for it when I was commuting my 30 mile round trip rides to work four days a week. But I look forward to becoming familiar with it and as I've said I've actually "walked the walk" so to speak.

How will you support ConnectCOS and the adoption of the Intermodal Mobility Plan? *

Again, as I study it, the parts that make sense I will support.

How do you intend to support and implement the Strong Connections vision in PlanCOS? *

I will vote for items which support that vision and are practical.

PlanCOS Speaks to land use in the Unique Places chapter; what role do you see land use playing in creating inviting places throughout our city? *

I worked for two seasons in the Bob Marshall Wilderness in Montana. I love the outdoors. I run on

the Santa Fe Trail most days of the week. I will support maintaining and adding to our trails, parks and open spaces.

Other Comments

Is there anything else you would like Bike Colorado Springs to know about your positions or candidacy?

I will bet I have ridden and run more miles than anyone else in this race. I've been a bike commuter - back before bike commuting was cool! I'm an avid runner and will be running the Pikes Peak Ascent this year. I'm a member of the Pikes Peak Road Runners.